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1. SUMMARY. MFA COMMENT ON POSSIBLE INTEGRATION OF PARASTATE MILITARY GROUPS INTO TRU MAY REPRESENT WORKING LEVEL VIEW. MAKARIOS MAY STAND TO BE NET GAINER IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF GREEK RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS AND TURKEY. ESTIA EDITORIALIZED CYPRUS SLIPS INTO COMMUNISM AS GOG NEGLECTS MOTHER COUNTRY DUTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA CYPRUS DESK OFFICER'S REMARK ON TRU PROBABLY REVEALS ASSUMPTION BY AT LEAST WORKING LEVEL MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT TRU IS NOW ESTABLISHED REALITY IN CYPRUS. EXTENT TO WHICH THIS VIEW SHARED WITHIN GOG IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE. HOWEVER, SAFE ASSUMPTION IS THAT REGIME IS CONTINUING TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON ARMS TRANSFERS TO LYSSARIDES GROUP AND PARASTATE GROUPS, PARTICULARLY AS SUCH TRANSFERS IMPROVE MAKARIOS' CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIVE STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE OF MOVEMENT.

3. ANOTHER QUESTION IS WHAT MAKARIOS' REAL INTENTIONS MAY BE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES: ANKARA/ATHENS TENSION ARISING FROM CONFLICTING CLAIMS RELATIVE TO AEGEAN OIL, DIVIDED AND SEEMINGLY WEAKENED EOKA-B AND NEW GOVERNMENTS IN BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH INTERNAL ISSUES. MAKARIOS STANDS TO BE NET GAINER AND CHARACTERISTICALLY MAY FIND WAYS TO MANEUVER EVENTS TO HIS ADVANTAGE. IN THIS REGARD WHILE ARCHBISHOP CONTINUES TO PROFESS SUPPORT PUBLICLY FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, ONE WONDERS IF HE MIGHT NOT BE WILLING TO LET TALKS REMAIN STALLED OVER INDEFINITE PERIOD AS OPPORTUNITY TO ADD FRICTION IN ATHENS/ANKARA RELATIONS AND THUS UNDERMINE POSSIBILITY OF GREEK/TURKISH IMPOSED SOLUTION. WE RECOGNIZE THIS POSSIBILITY CONTRADICTS CLERIDES' POINT (NICOSIA 800) THAT GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS OPPOSE RESUMPTION BECAUSE OF PROSPECTIVE GREEK-TURKISH SHOWDOWN OVER AEGEAN IN COURSE OF WHICH CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE GOG HAS YET ARRIVED OFFICIALLY AT ANY SUCH VIEW. AFTER ALL IT WAS MAKARIOS WHO SEIZED OPPORTUNITY OF TURKISH PM'S REFERENCE TO "FEDERATION" TO PRECIPITATE BREAKDOWN IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AT SAME TIME, INDEFINITE BREAK IN TALKS PERMITS MAKARIOS TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM LONDON/ZURICH AGREEMENTS AS HE PURSUES OBJECTIVE OF INDEPENDENT CYPRUS FREE FROM OUTSIDE CONSTRAINTS OF GUARANTOR POWERS, AS WELL PRESENCE OF GREEK AND TURKISH CONTINGENTS. AS REPORTED EARLIER, POSSIBILITY THAT ARTFUL HAND OF ARCHBISHOP BEHIND SOVIET DEAMRCHES IN MARCH CANNOT BE DISMISSED. SUCH ACTION ALSO ILLUSTRATIVE OF MAKARIOS DESIRE FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE OF MOVEMENT.

4. SHOULD MAKARIOS PURSUE POLICY AS CONJECTURED BY GREEK MFA OFFICIAL REFTEL A, OF ELIMINATING EOKA-B HOLDOUTS, GREEK REGIME CAN BE EXPECTED TO VIEW GOC BAN ON EOKA-B WITH GENUINE CONCERN. DEMISE OF EOKA-B WOULD REDUCE PRESSURES AT GOG DISPOSAL WHILE PRO-MAKARIOS ARMED BANDS AND LYSSARIDES GROUP CONTINUE TO THRIVE. SHOULD JUNTA ATTEMPT TO MOVE IN BEHALF OF EOKA-B IN  
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EVENT MAKARIOS SEEKS TO SEIZE EOKA-B REMNANT, SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE RAPIDLY.

5. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT ESTIA (CONSERVATIVE, ANTI-MAKARIOS) PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY POLYCARPOS IOANNIDES UNDER CAPTION "THE CONSEQUENCES OF A WRONG POLICY - CYPRUS SLIDES INTO COMMUNISM". THE ARTICLE TAKES GOG TO TASK FOR NEGLECTING ITS MOTHER COUNTRY RESPONS-

BILITIES TOWARD CYPRUS AND THEN DEPLORES "GREEDY  
PURSUITS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM ON ISLAND".  
"FOR CYPRUS WILL BE TURNED INTO A CUBA OF THE  
MEDITERRANEAN SOON." GIVEN REGIME'S TIGHT REIN ON  
PRESS, PUBLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE CAN BE REGARDED  
AS CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO POINT UP CONCERN OVER COMMUNIST/  
LEFTIST STRENGTHS ON CYPRUS. TASCA

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